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Representative Todd Smith



Biographical Information

Personal

Rep. Smith was born in Arlington, Texas, on March 23, 1963. He has been a resident of the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford area for 30 years (since 4th grade). He is married to Nancy McKinney Smith, a native of Fayetteville, Arkansas. They have two sons, Spencer and Sawyer, ages 10 and 8 who attend school in the HEB ISD. The Smith's reside in Euleless and are members of The First Baptist Church of Euleless.

Education

After attending Midway Park Elementary and Euleless Junior High, Rep. Smith graduated from Trinity High School in Euleless, Texas in 1981, where he was President of his senior class. He was named Trinity High School "Alumni of the Year" in 1995. He received a scholarship to attend Southern Methodist University from 1981-1985, graduating Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a BA in Political Science. He received an SMU Political Science Scholarship to participate in a program at the American University in Washington, D.C., including work as an aide for then U.S. Congressman, now Tarrant County Judge Tom Vandergriff (1983). He attended The University of Texas School of Law, graduating with Honors in 1988.

Elected Office

* Before his election to the Texas House, Rep. Smith served from 1991-1996 as a City Councilperson in Euleless.

* In 1996, he was elected by the people in Texas House District 92 to serve as their State Representative, representing constituents in Hurst, Euleless, Bedford, and a portion of East Fort Worth. He was re-elected without opposition in 1998, 2000 and with 88% of the vote in 2002. He has been honored as "Outstanding Legislator" by The Texas Police Chiefs Association and as a "Legislative Star" by The Texas Classroom Teachers Association and as "Fighter for Free Enterprise" by the Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce ; he currently

serves on the Appropriations Committee (76th & 77th Session), the Public Education Committee (76th & 77th Session), and the Select Committee on Teacher Health Insurance (76th & 77th Session). He was recently appointed to the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance which is charged with a comprehensive review of the structure of the Texas public school finance system (77th Session). He currently serves as an Advisory Member on the Committee on the Equalization of Appellate Court Funding (77th Session). He has previously served on the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee (76th Session), the Select Committee on Judicial Interpretations of Law (76th Session), the Financial Institutions Committee (75th Session), and the Juvenile Justice & Family Issues Committee (75th Session). He has been appointed by the Speaker of the House to the National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Education (July 1999 to Present) and to the NCSL Council for State Health Leadership Development (November 1997 to 1999). In May 2000, he was appointed by then Governor George W. Bush to represent the State of Texas on the Southern Regional Education Board. He is a member of the GOP Caucus Public School Finance Committee. In February 2001, he was selected by the House Republican Caucus to serve as Republican Party Whip.

* The Texas Legislature is in session from January through May during odd years.

Professional

After working as an associate and partner at two well-respected law firms in Dallas and Tarrant Counties and handling cases on both sides of the civil trial docket, he formed The Todd Smith Law Firm in Bedford, Texas, in 1996, and specializes in civil trial advocacy. He is board certified in Civil Trial Advocacy by The National Board of Trial Advocacy and in Personal Injury Trial Law by The Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He has an 'AV' (A = preeminent attorney, V = very high general ethical standards) rating by Martindale Hubble, which is the highest rating given and is based upon confidential survey responses of attorneys and judges.

Political & Civic Involvement

Officer, College Republican Club at SMU (1981-1985)
Member, Planning & Zoning Commission, City of Euless (1990-1991)
Member, Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber of Commerce (1992-Present)
Member, Hurst-Euless-Bedford Rotary Club (1992-Present) "1993-94 Rotarian of the Year"
Member & Former Officer, Northeast Tarrant County Republican Club(1992-Present)
Board of Directors, Airport Area YMCA (1993-1994)
Tarrant County Republican Judicial Selection Committee (1993-1994)
Founding Board Member, H-E-B Sports Hall of Fame (1995)
Member, First Baptist Church of Euless Community Impact Committee (1995)
Member, Northeast Leadership Forum (1995 - Present)
Member, The Mid-Cities Optimist Club (1996-Present)
Board of Directors, Hurst-Euless-Bedford Chamber of Commerce (1997 - Present)
Member, Leadership HEB Advisory Committee (1999)
Honorary Board of Directors, Northeast Tarrant County Right-To-Life Association(1999-Present)

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